

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been rejected. Claims 1, 18 and 20 have been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter claimed by the Applicant as his invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-9, 13-15 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schwartz. Schwartz teaches a weight lifting glove which is preferably a mitten and which entirely covers the user's fingers and thumb (see Abstract, lines 2-3; col. 1, line 40; col. 2, lines 19-21; and all claims). This design is necessary in Schwartz's design to provide "a weight glove which is weighted in such a manner that it is balanced well for a variety of movements" and "weights [which] are adjustable up to a substantially greater mass." In order to provide balance in the Schwartz design, he includes weights along the user's fingers. There is no teaching or suggestion in Schwartz to provide a design which allows the user's fingers to be exposed as is claimed in the instant invention. In fact, Schwartz's design relies on enclosing the user's fingers. Thus, Schwartz neither anticipates nor renders obvious the instant invention as presently claimed.

The Examiner has rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz. As discussed above, Schwartz teaches a glove or mitten which entirely encases the user's hand and does not teach a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. There is no teaching or suggestion in Schwartz to provide a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. Schwartz teaches away from the device claimed in the instant invention by requiring the complete covering of the user's fingers such that weight may be mounted on the user's fingers to achieve Schwartz's desired balance of weights. Thus, Schwartz does not render the instant invention obvious as presently claimed.

The Examiner has rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view of Sanzone et al. As discussed above, Schwartz teaches a glove or mitten

which entirely encases the user's hand and does not teach a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. There is no teaching or suggestion in Schwartz to provide a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. Sanzone is cited for teaching a storage pocket which extends about the periphery of the base and which storage pocket could be added to the Schwartz glove or mitten. Sanzone teaches a wrist band and does not teach a device which attaches to a user's hand such that the user's fingers are exposed as is claimed in the instant invention. Thus, the combination of Schwartz and Sanzone does not render the instant invention obvious as presently claimed.

The Examiner has rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view of Phillips, Jr. et al. Schwartz teaches a glove or mitten which entirely encases the user's hand and does not teach a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. There is no teaching or suggestion in Schwartz to provide a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. Phillips, Jr. is cited for the inclusion of an elastic panel incorporated into the second storage pocket. Phillips, Jr. teaches a cold weather glove and does not teach a device which attaches to a user's hand such that the user's fingers are exposed as is claimed in the instant invention. Thus, the combination of Schwartz and Phillips, Jr. does not render the instant invention obvious as presently claimed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11, 12 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view of Sanzone et al. and further in view of Lefkowitz et al. Schwartz teaches a glove or mitten which entirely encases the user's hand and does not teach a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. There is no teaching or suggestion in Schwartz to provide a device which allows the user's fingers to be exposed. Sanzone is cited for teaching a storage pocket which extends about the periphery of the base and which storage pocket could be added to the Schwartz glove or mitten. Lefkowitz is cited for the inclusion of storage pocket adapted to accept weight. Lefkowitz teaches a painter's glove and does not teach a device which attaches to a user's hand such that the user's fingers are exposed as is claimed in

the instant invention. Thus, the combination of Schwartz, Sanzone and Lefkowitz does not render the instant invention obvious as presently claimed.

All claims now in the application are deemed patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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